Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for not spending the amount which was allotted especially when irrigation is an important subject ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—To do irrigation work one must have schemes and estimates prepared properly.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Were amounts sanctioned before schemes and estimates were prepared and submitted to Government for approval ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In some cases it is so done.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So amounts are sanctioned before the schemes are prepared and submitted ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what are the items for which amounts were budgetted without the schemes being prepared and submitted to Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have not the Government stated in this House that two irrigation works are pending? And what is the reason for the lapse of the money which was allotted ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—With regard to those schemes, only the original investigations have been completed. Final investigations have not been completed.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will these amounts budgetted for this year be used up ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I did not understand the question, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathaw.—Will these items for which amounts have been budgetted for this year be taken up and completed this year itself ?

President.—What they want to know is that certain items for which amounts have been budgetted in 1103 were not carried out and for the same items amounts were budgetted in 1104. Whether those items will be taken up and completed in 1104 itself ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I must look into the files and so I want notice. But I can easily do that.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the total amount that lapsed in 1103 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think it is about Rs. 1,59,000.

Cosmopolitan Hostel at Ernakulam.

530. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the motion passed at the Budget Session of 1103 to throw open the Maharaja's College Hostels to all classes of students and be made cosmopolitan ;

(b) whether the Government have considered this question since the passing of the above motion ; and if so,

(c) what is the decision arrived at ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a), (b) and (c). Vide answer to sub-division 1 of question No. 274 of the Kumbham sitting of the Council.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Kumbham sitting of what year?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Kumbham sitting of this Council.

Kattakampal Panchayat.

531. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Kattakampal Panchayat is now functioning, i. e., in Makaram 1104 ;

(b) who is exercising the civil jurisdiction conferred upon the Panchayat ;

(c) who are the present elected and nominated members of the Panchayat ;

(d) when did the last election take place ; and on what date the nomination of the members was over ; if the answer to question (a) is in the negative ;

(e) how long it has been since the Panchayat has ceased to function ;

(f) what arrangement has been made for executing the items of work for which grants have been provided in the budget for the current year ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) No.

(b) None.

(c) The results of the election have not been notified in the Gazette and the nomination of members is not yet over.

(d) On 17th Mithunam 1103. For the 2nd part of the question vide answer (c) above.

(e) Since 2nd Edavam 1103.

(f) The works will be got done through contract agency under departmental supervision.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to sub-division (c) of my question, who are the present elected members of the Panchayat? I find that it has not been answered.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—You find that it is answered.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The answer is not to my question. My question is who are the present elected members.

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